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In re Application of:

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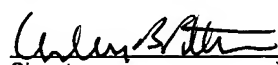
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated November 22, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 22, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/CRUI/0021/WBP for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.